

# The Pastor's Corner

“GO YOUR WAY”

As much fun as goats and sheep could be back home, there was a perpetual problem with them: they had a propensity for getting stuck in fences. It was something we always had to watch for, because if they did get stuck, there was often little they could do. So, we'd have to go and wrangle with them and the fence until finally- they can finally “go their way!” We'd pop them out and they would happily bolt back to the flock. If there ever was a possible expression of joy from those sheep and goats, we'd certainly see it as they were halfway back to the fold.

Jesus and Bartimaeus have a very similar encounter in the Gospel this weekend. Bartimaeus has been blind and wants healing. Even as others are rebuking him and telling him to be silent, he still calls out and wants to see. He knows and believes that Jesus can restore his sight. That faith is eventually rewarded: Jesus heals Bartimaeus, and then Bartimaeus, we are told, follows Jesus along the way. Jesus reminds him in the moment of healing- his faith saved him- now he is free to move about and go!

Though we may not necessarily struggle with physical blindness, we do have plenty of things that could cause us to come before the Lord, asking for His pity and mercy, because they snare and trap us. Perhaps it is in our sufferings, as we spoke of last week, or perhaps there are infirmities within our soul. Maybe there is a battle with sin. Maybe it's one of many possibilities: impurity, gossip, lying, worrying, selfishness, greediness, anger, amongst many, many other sins. Each of these are areas where we may struggle- but we need not remain snared in them. If we vulnerably seek out Jesus in these places, in confession, and in our prayer, Jesus can give us the ability to “go your way” in freedom!

-Fr. Belken

**\*\* Reminder: All Saints (Oct 31 & Nov 1) is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please go to Mass! \*\***

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“No”  
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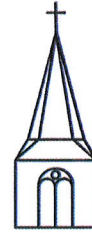
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Readings for Next Sunday

The Thirty-First  
Sunday in Ordinary  
Time  
November 3, 2024

Dt 6:2-6  
Heb 7:23-28  
Mk 12:28b-34

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# Saint Lawrence

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30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 27-November 2, 2024  
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#### Mass Schedule

Sat.	Oct	26	4PM	Alex Jr. & Vera Burger	Thu.	Oct	31	7AM	Darryl Westrich
Sun.	Oct	27	8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri.	Nov	1	7AM	Leonard Kluesner
Mon.	Oct	28	No Mass		Sat.	Nov	2	4PM	Andrew Essner
Tue.	Oct	29	6PM	Patrick Shelton	Sun.	Nov	3	8:30AM	Parish Family
Wed.	Oct	30	7AM	Leonard Kluesner					

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. OCT 27-Margaret Heuring, NOV 3-Coonie Essner, NOV 10-Mary B. Glastetter, NOV 17-Terri Stuckey, NOV 24-Norma Seyer.

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION:

October 20, 2024: Loose \$98.25, Envelopes \$2551, Total: \$2649.25.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (NCCW) RECOGNITION DAY. Today we recognize the many Catholic women who contribute to the spiritual, leadership and service needs in our local community. Thank you to the ladies of St. Lawrence for your service. God Bless You.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>, ST. DENIS HALLOWEEN PARTY. In the St. Denis Parish Center from 5:30-7:30PM. Games, concessions, and costume contest for all ages!! Admission-1 Bag of Candy! All are invited, please join us!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>, RUMMAGE SALE. From 7AM-1PM stop by the American Legion in Benton to browse through rummage sale items. All proceeds go to Jesus in Disguise Food Pantry.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM.

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Kenny & JoAnn Heisserer, Ralph & Debbie Heisserer, Scott Heisserer, Richard & Lana Green.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>, ST. LAWRENCE PARISH FALL DINNER & COUNTRY STORE. Times: 10:30AM-1PM. Serving turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, slaw, buttered potatoes, green beans, drink & homemade desserts. Adults: \$15, Children (6-12): \$6, 5 & under free. Come out and support St. Lawrence. Thank you to all who are helping with the Fall Turkey Dinner. On Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will begin at 8AM and on Sunday will begin at 6AM. Kitchen help please bring a cake and other families 2 pies. Remember items for the Country Store.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, ST. ANNE'S SODALITY MEETING AND BIRTHRIGHT BABY SHOWER, ROSARY AT 6PM AND MEETING AT 6:15PM. Donations for Birthright will be collected. Bring your items to the meeting or leave them in the drop box in the back of the church. Please see the flyer in the church foyer for a list of items

<b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor:</b>	Sat.	Nov	2	4PM	Gwen Essner
<b>Organist/Cantor:</b>	Sat.	Nov	2	4PM	Krista Kluesner
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Sat.	Nov	2	4PM	PSR Ushers
<b>Servers:</b>	Sat.	Nov	2	4PM	Noah Vetter/Paxton Beck/Kynli Duenne
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sat.	Nov	2	4PM	Rolen Heuring/Jack Dirnberger/Blaire Riley/Charlie DeShaney

<b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor:</b>	Sun.	Nov	3	8:30AM	Diane Ashcraft
<b>Organist/Cantor:</b>	Sun.	Nov	3	8:30AM	Krista Kluesner
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Sun.	Nov	3	8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. David Kluesner
<b>Servers:</b>	Sun.	Nov	3	8:30AM	Oliver Walter/Leeland Walter/Tyler Jackson/ Brady James
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sun.	Nov	3	8:30AM	Major Burger/Mark Burger/Matt Burger/Robin Burger

needed. Items need not be wrapped. Come join our meeting and enjoy refreshments and games. Donations will be accepted until November 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you. Refreshment committee: Chairperson-Diane Ashcraft, Stephanie Asmus, Karen Backfisch, Sarah Backfisch, and Jennifer Beardslee.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>, MASS OF REMEMBRANCE. St. Lawrence will have a Mass at 5pm to remember the loved ones lost during the calendar years of 2023 and 2024. This will be an additional weekend mass and does fulfill the Sunday obligation. A parish potluck meal will be held in the Parish Center following the Mass of Remembrance. Sign-up sheets for the meal are in the back of church. All are invited to celebrate.

JESUS IN DISGUISE FOOD PANTRY. We need your help. Your gift of \$25 helps us provide a turkey and all the trimmings to one of our families for Thanksgiving. Please place your check/cash in an envelope marked for Food Pantry in the collection basket or bring to the church office by Nov 10th. Thanks to all helping us keep our Food Pantry running.

COUNTRY STORE. The "Country Store" during our annual Fall Dinner needs your support. Please show off your talents and donate crafts, sweet treats, baked goods, our famous dry noodles and dumplings, holiday décor, etc. Let's fill up the "Country Store" with items for sale. Items can be dropped off in the Parish Center on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> or early Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please let's all be generous.

STUFF A TRUCK. The Scott City Knights of Columbus will hold a stuff a truck canned food/ Toy drive on Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> at their hall from 830-11AM. We collect nonperishable items and canned goods for the Jesus in Disguise food pantry at St. Denis and the Scott City food pantry. We will also be collecting NEW and UNWRAPPED toys to help the Marine Corp league Happy Slapowitz toy drive

JOB OPENING. Saint Denis School in Benton is looking for a teacher for their Pre-K 4-5-year-old classroom. For more details or information, or to apply, please contact Lindsay Wikle at 573-545-3017 or at [lindsay@stdenisbenton.org](mailto:lindsay@stdenisbenton.org). Please offer up some prayers for this search.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR HURICANE RELIEF**